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PENNSYLVANIA EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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APRIL'S UNADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT ROSE FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT MONTH

Total resident employment in Pennsylvania, not adjusted for seasonality, rose for the third straight month to 5,189,000 persons in April. This level of employment was 23,000 above the March total of 5,166,000 and denotes an increase of 211,000 when compared with the 4,978,000 reported working in April 1985. When these data are adjusted to remove seasonal factors, such as the impact of cold weather on outdoor activities or the summer influx of youth into the labor market, employment experienced a small decline in April. This monthly downturn occurred after three consecutive months of record employment and despite the drop, recorded the second highest level ever, according to April Current Population Survey (CPS). At 5,304,000 in April, Pennsylvania's seasonally adjusted employment fell 5,000 short of March's record level of 5,309,000. The 214,000 additional persons working in April 1986 when compared with April 1985's employment total of 5,090,000 exemplifies the state's continued economic improvement.

Unadjusted unemployment decreased by 53,000 to 392,000 in April, the lowest jobless level in 5 years (since the April 1981 total of 374,000). Unadjusted unemployment was also 53,000 below the April 1985 figure of 445,000. Adjusted for seasonality, unemployment fell 34,000 to 403,000 in April, the fourth decline in the last five months. Seasonally adjusted unemployment continued to show improvement with 53,000 fewer jobless persons this April than one year ago.

The combination of rising employment and falling unemployment in the Commonwealth lowered the adjusted rate of unemployment to 7.1 percent, equaling the new recovery low set two months earlier in February. The statewide rate of unemployment, not adjusted for seasonality, also fell in April to 7.0 percent, a drop of nine-tenths of a percentage point from March's 7.9 percent. Current unemployment rates are well below the comparable year-ago figures of 8.2 percent reported for both the adjusted and unadjusted rates.

Nationwide, seasonally adjusted employment rose by 104,000 persons to reach 108,892,000, the second consecutive monthly increase. As employment levels rose, adjusted unemployment decreased by 77,000 to an adjusted 8,342,000 reducing the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 7.1 percent of the civilian labor force in April. April's unadjusted U.S. rate dropped one-half of a percentage point to 7.0 percent. Pennsylvania's unemployment rates, both adjusted (7.1%) and unadjusted (7.0%), equaled the comparable national jobless rates. April represents the second time in three months that the Commonwealth's adjusted rate was equal or below the United States' rate and the first time in 5 years that the State's unadjusted rate equal to or lower than the U.S. rate (April 1981).

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 53,400 JOBS SINCE MARCH 1986

Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased by 53,400 since March 1986 to reach 4,793,800, approaching the all-time high of 4,827,100 set in December 1985.

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This represents the third straight monthly rise in nonfarm jobs. The April employment volume was 77,200 higher than the year-ago figure of 4,716,600 following the recent trend of modest job growth. Nonmanufacturing industries paced the April job expansion with 50,600 additional jobs while manufacturing employment continued to wane this month with 2,700 less jobs.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS: Employment in the Keystone State's nonmanufacturing industries reached 3,733,000 in April. Service industries and contract construction businesses were responsible for the major job gains this month as 20,200 and 17,800, respectively, were added to their payrolls since March. In the services sector, the category of other services increased by 6,800 jobs over the month. This group includes employment in museums and art galleries, botanical gardens and zoos, membership organizations, personal services, automotive services, repair shops and motion picture services. Other service groups with large increases were business services (+4,300) and amusement and recreational services (+3,800).

The decade's lowest mortgage rates encouraged the sales of new homes and subsequently boosted employment in the contract construction industry by 17,800 jobs over the month. Retail trade employment continues to expand, with a majority of the 10,800 increase in April concentrated in Pennsylvania's eating and drinking establishments. The government sector was the only nonmanufacturing industry which reported job losses, down 1,700 in April.

MANUFACTURING JOBS: Employment within industries involved in the mechanical or chemical transformation of materials or substances into new products showed small but widespread April declines among many of the individual industries, led by primary metals and apparel products with losses of 1,200 and 1,100, respectively. **Durable goods** employment slipped to 602,200 in April, 33,400 less than the year-ago level. Within the durable goods sector, lumber and wood products gained 1,000 jobs and stone, clay, and glass products added 900 jobs over the month. Smaller increases were reported in fabricated metal products and instruments and related products.

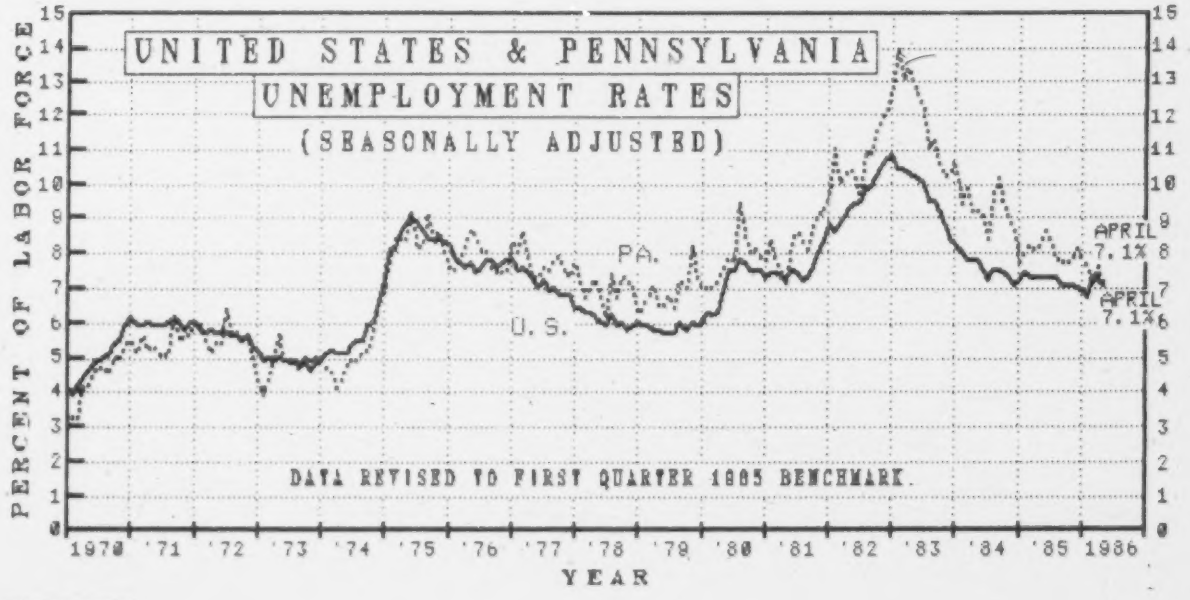
Nondurable goods employment also decreased, lowering payrolls by 2,000 jobs since March to 451,000 in April. In spite of this overall drop, increases occurred over-the-month in printing and publishing, up 700 jobs; textile products, up 400; and petroleum and coal products, up 200 since March. April's nondurable goods job level decreased 10,900 jobs compared with the April 1985 figure of 461,900.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS RELATIVELY STABLE IN APRIL

Average hourly and weekly earnings of production workers in Pennsylvania's manufacturing industries were relatively unchanged in April. Average hourly earnings gained one cent since March to $9.71 in April while the average weekly rate, reflecting a slightly shorter workweek, lowered by $1.54 to $388.40. Over the past year, hourly earnings rose 16 cents and weekly earnings were up $12.13. Average weekly hours decreased by 0.2 of an hour in April to 40.0 hours. The average workweek was 0.6 of an hour shorter in April 1985. In the durable goods sector, production workers earned an average of $10.49 an hour, worked 40.7 hours, and received $426.94 in average weekly earnings. Comparable data for the nondurable goods sector were $8.66, 39.1 hours, and $338.61, respectively, for April.

TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(All Persons in Thousands)

RESIDENT DATA*	APRIL 1986	MARCH 1986	APRIL 1985	NET CHANGE FROM: MARCH 1986	NET CHANGE FROM: APRIL 1985
UNADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,581	5,611	5,423	30.0	158.0
Employment	5,189	5,166	4,978	23.0	211.0
Unemployment	392	445	445	-53.0	-53.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.9	8.2	-0.9	-1.2
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA					
Civilian Labor Force	5,707	5,746	5,546	-39.0	161.0
Employment	5,304	5,309	5,090	-5.0	214.0
Unemployment	403	437	456	-34.0	-53.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.6	8.2	-0.5	-1.1



FOOTNOTES:

Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor management disputes.

Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment data in this release have been revised to first quarter 1985 benchmarks and are, therefore, not strictly comparable with figures published prior to March 1986.

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT
MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
PENNSYLVANIA: APRIL 1986, MARCH 1986 AND APRIL 1985
(Employment in Thousands)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	APRIL 1986 p/	MARCH 1986	APRIL 1985	[--NET CHANGE--] MARCH 1986	APRIL 1985
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4793.8	4740.4	4716.6	53.4	77.2
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1053.2	1055.9	1097.5	-2.7	-44.3
DURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	602.2	602.9	635.6	-0.7	-33.4
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	25.3	24.3	23.5	1.0	1.8
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	19.3	19.9	20.5	-0.6	-1.2
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	48.2	47.3	48.3	0.9	-0.1
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	94.6	95.8	107.8	-1.2	-13.2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	89.0	88.7	91.1	0.3	-2.1
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	108.4	108.7	115.8	-0.3	-7.4
ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	98.0	98.5	105.8	-0.5	-7.8
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	61.6	61.9	64.8	-0.3	-3.2
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	38.0	37.9	37.5	0.1	0.5
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	19.8	19.9	20.5	-0.1	-0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS INDUSTRIES	451.0	453.0	461.9	-2.0	-10.9
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	89.3	89.7	87.8	-0.4	1.5
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1.7	2.1	2.3	-0.4	-0.6
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	31.0	30.6	31.1	0.4	-0.1
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODS.	93.1	94.2	102.4	-1.1	-9.3
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.7	40.8	41.1	-0.1	-0.4
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	78.0	77.3	75.6	0.7	2.4
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	59.0	59.5	60.2	-0.5	-1.2
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	11.5	11.3	13.1	0.2	-1.6
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	35.9	36.6	36.7	-0.7	-0.8
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	10.8	10.9	11.6	-0.1	-0.8
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3733.0	3682.4	3616.4	50.6	116.6
MINING	34.1	33.9	37.3	0.2	-3.2
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	189.5	171.7	177.7	17.8	11.8
TRANSPORTATION	136.4	136.1	138.4	0.3	-2.0
PUBLIC UTILITIES	99.8	99.8	100.9	0.0	-1.1
COMMUNICATIONS	47.0	47.0	48.4	0.0	-1.4
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	52.8	52.8	52.5	0.0	0.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	256.9	256.4	252.2	0.5	4.7
RETAIL TRADE	834.6	823.8	798.0	10.8	36.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	129.0	128.8	121.9	0.2	7.1
FINANCE,INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	269.6	267.1	259.2	2.5	10.4
BANKING	86.1	85.8	83.0	0.3	3.1
INSURANCE CARRIERS	75.7	75.4	73.9	0.3	1.8
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS	1221.3	1201.1	1163.1	20.2	58.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	205.5	201.2	181.6	4.3	23.9
HEALTH SERVICES	400.4	398.5	382.4	1.9	18.0
HOSPITALS	220.6	220.2	215.2	0.4	5.4
LEGAL SERVICES	32.3	32.1	30.8	0.2	1.5
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	150.3	148.7	147.8	1.6	2.5
SOCIAL SERVICES	71.9	71.4	69.2	0.5	2.7
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	54.8	54.9	52.8	-0.1	2.0
GOVERNMENT	690.8	692.5	689.6	-1.7	1.2
FEDERAL	138.4	138.8	138.6	-0.4	-0.2
STATE	151.7	152.1	151.4	-0.4	0.3
LOCAL	400.7	401.6	399.6	-0.9	1.1
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT. DISPUTES	7.6	2.1	2.7	5.5	4.9

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AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS AND WEEKLY HOURS
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PENNSYLVANIA: APRIL 1986, MARCH 1986 AND APRIL 1985
(Production Worker Averages)

ESTABLISHMENT DATA	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	APRIL 1986 P/	MARCH 1986	APRIL 1985	APRIL 1986 P/	MARCH 1985	APRIL 1985	APRIL 1986 P/	MARCH 1986	APRIL 1985
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	388.40	389.94	376.27	40.0	40.2	39.4	9.71	9.70	9.55
DURABLE GOODS	426.94	430.09	420.21	40.7	41.0	40.6	10.49	10.49	10.35
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	303.00	299.87	289.34	38.5	38.2	39.1	7.87	7.85	7.40
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	333.98	343.77	309.26	38.7	39.2	38.9	8.63	8.54	7.95
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS.	426.47	425.34	421.00	42.1	41.7	42.1	10.13	10.20	10.00
PRIMARY METALS	500.45	514.18	491.23	40.1	41.2	40.1	12.48	12.48	12.25
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	412.23	418.74	407.43	41.1	41.5	40.5	10.03	10.09	10.06
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	441.41	441.08	427.04	41.1	41.3	41.3	10.74	10.68	10.34
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH.	394.83	397.31	391.82	41.0	41.3	40.9	9.63	9.62	9.58
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	477.53	465.26	499.15	40.4	39.8	41.7	11.82	11.69	11.97
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD.	409.61	416.64	370.54	41.5	42.0	39.8	9.87	9.92	9.31
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	385.16	382.05	319.42	40.5	40.6	36.8	9.51	9.41	8.68
NONDURABLE GOODS	338.61	337.43	319.50	39.1	39.1	37.9	8.66	8.63	8.43
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	384.21	382.86	362.87	40.7	40.6	39.4	9.44	9.43	9.21
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	251.47	294.26	228.14	40.3	41.2	39.2	6.24	6.05	5.82
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	270.75	264.49	245.15	39.7	39.3	37.2	6.82	6.73	6.59
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	201.83	703.45	192.79	34.5	34.6	32.9	5.85	5.88	5.86
PAPER PRODUCTS	437.33	439.73	405.66	42.5	42.9	42.3	10.29	10.25	9.59
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	407.78	408.18	401.32	39.9	39.9	39.5	10.22	10.23	10.16
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	462.59	461.20	453.11	41.6	41.4	41.8	11.12	11.14	10.84
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	562.10	541.20	551.93	42.2	41.0	42.1	13.32	13.20	13.11
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	353.50	359.06	347.17	41.2	41.8	40.7	8.58	8.59	8.53
LEATHER PRODUCTS	205.85	203.13	203.91	35.8	35.7	35.9	5.75	5.69	5.68
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES									
ANTHRACITE COAL MINING	448.95	438.50	412.54	41.0	38.6	37.3	10.95	11.36	11.06
BITUMINOUS COAL MINING	522.00	518.30	550.16	36.0	35.5	38.1	14.50	14.60	14.44
COMMUNICATIONS	531.44	531.15	504.86	40.2	40.3	40.1	13.22	13.18	12.59
ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY	591.40	589.48	556.67	42.7	42.5	42.8	13.85	13.87	13.24
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	178.98	174.38	168.44	28.5	28.4	28.5	6.28	6.14	5.91

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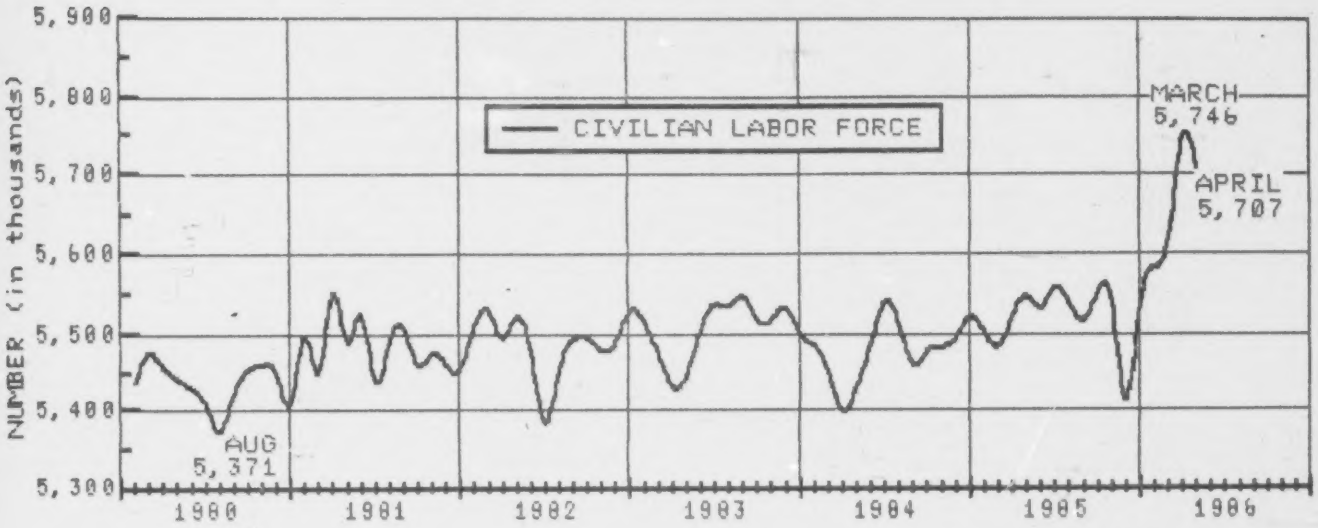

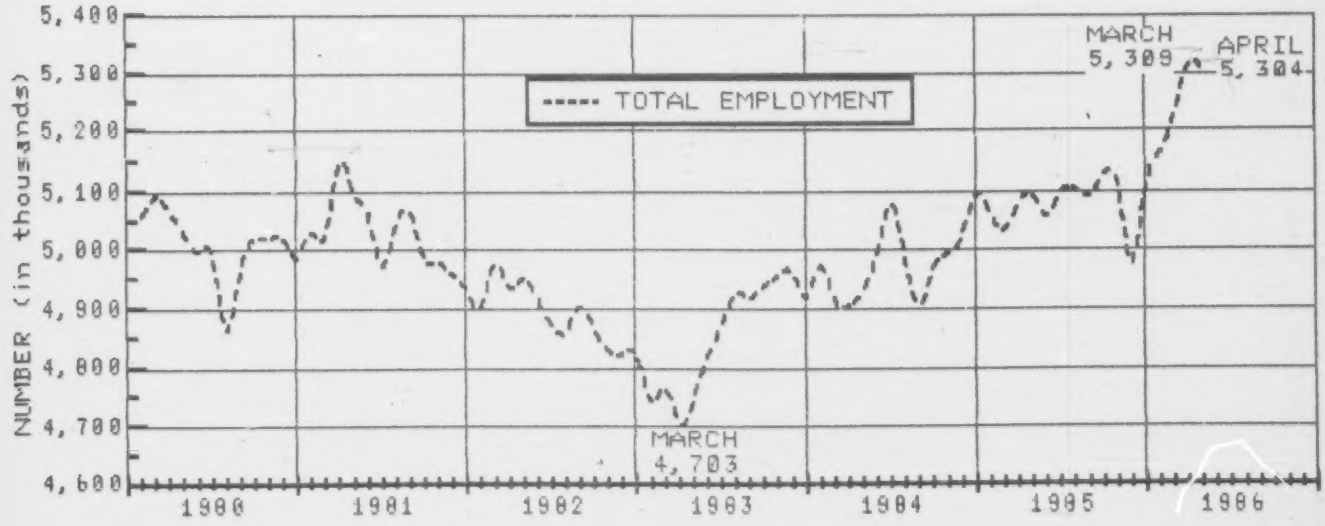

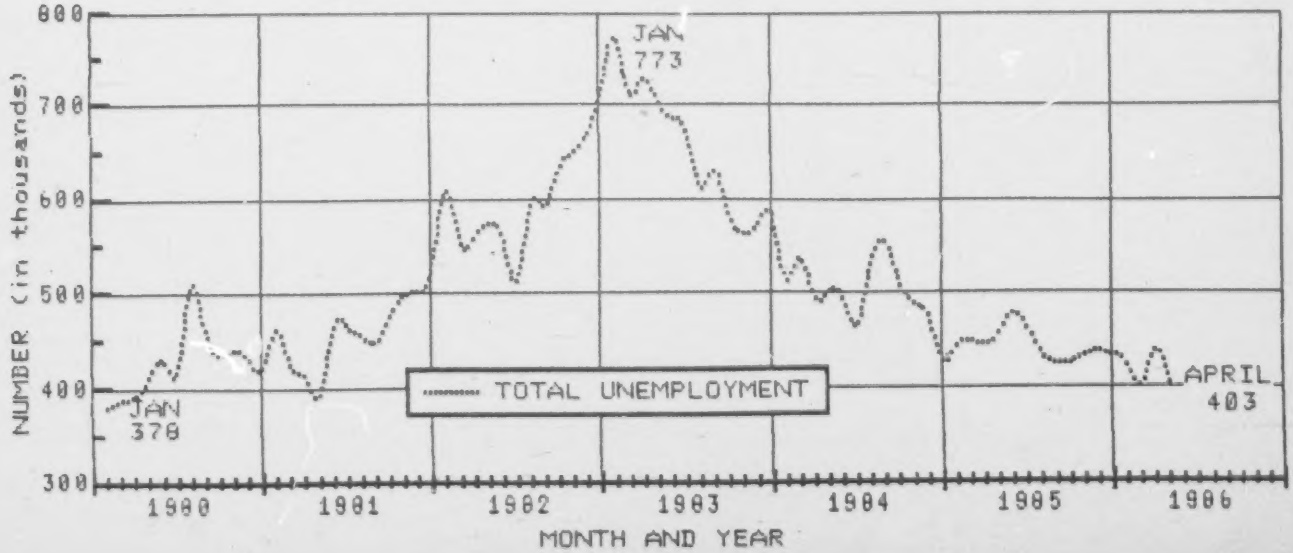

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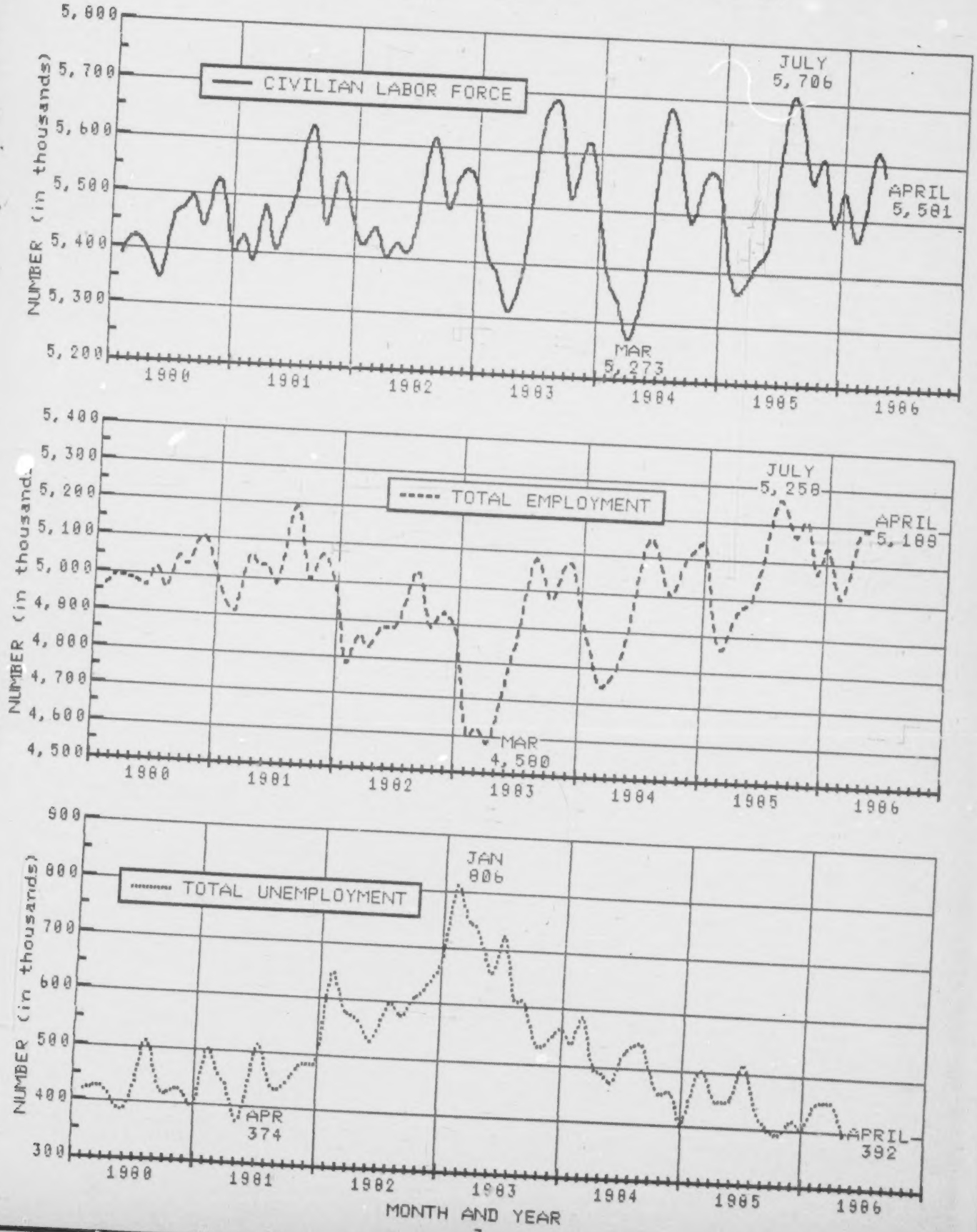

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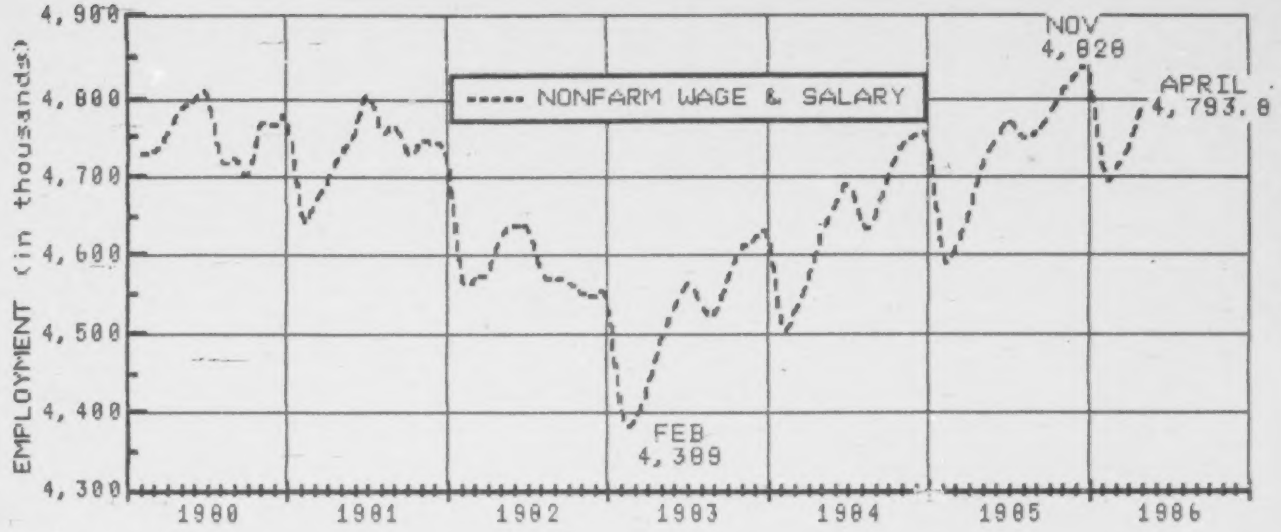

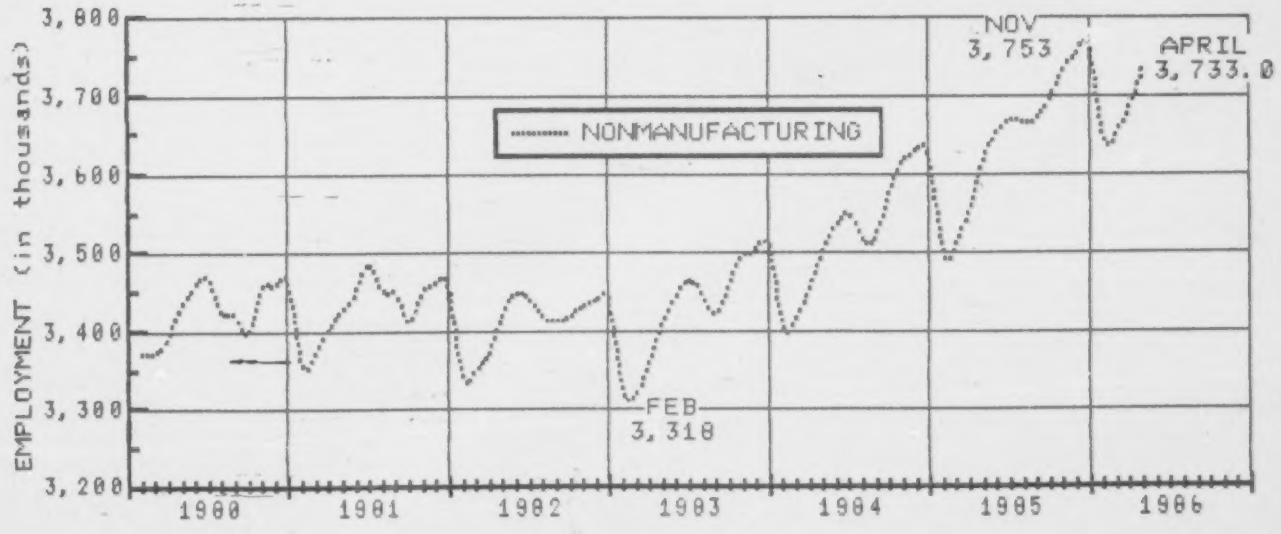

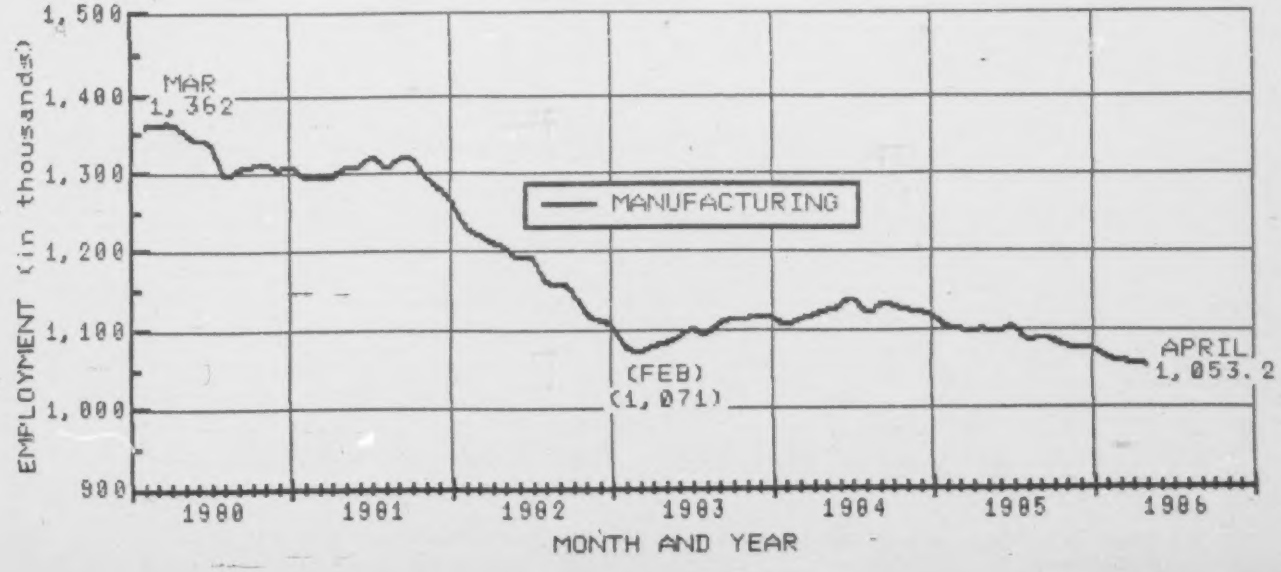

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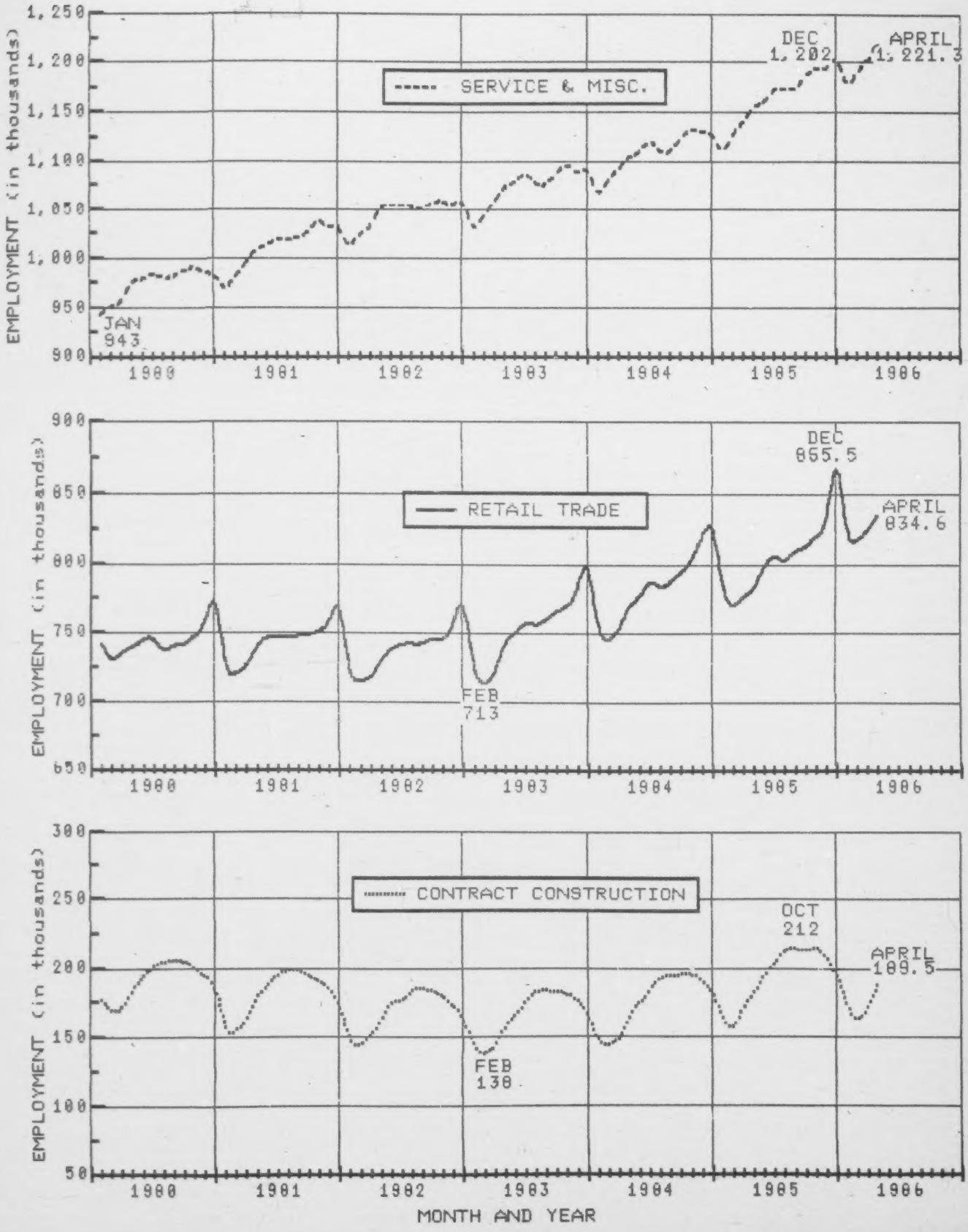

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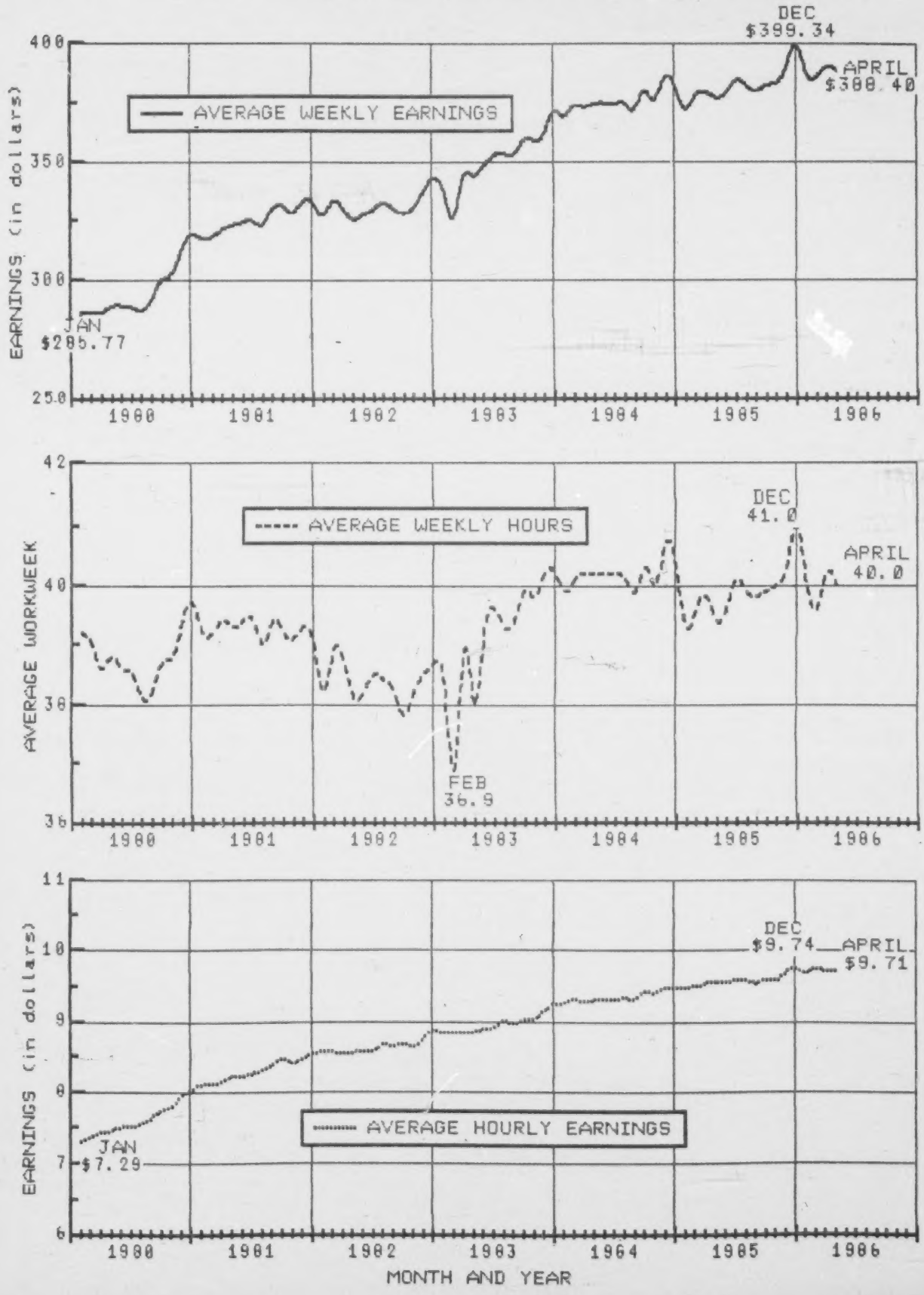

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